

Huskies send three to All-League team

BY MIKE STEPHENS

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The Northern Valley Lady Huskies volleyball team had a very successful 2013 campaign, finishing the season with an impressive 27-9 record and runner-up in the Sub-State Tournament.

With success come the accolades. Three of the six Lady Huskies starters, Brooke Hammond, Kortney Cunningham and Brooke Baird, were recognized for their efforts this season by being named to the 2013 Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Volleyball team.

Senior Brooke Hammond has earned All-League first team honors for the second year in a row. As a junior Brooke was named to the first team while playing for Logan High School, and she repeated the accomplishment this year as a Lady Husky.

"Brooke was an excellent setter for us this year," said head coach Kirsten Baird. "She moves to the ball well and sees the floor. It was a nice surprise to have a senior on our team."

Junior Kortney Cunningham

was an intimidating force at the net all season and earned All-League honors for the first time.

"Kortney is a hard worker and wants to do well. Her hitting and blocking really improved this year. She was our leading blocker, and she puts in the extra time and effort to be an all-around great athlete," said Baird.

Sophomore Brooke Baird was always a scoring threat on the outside with her ball striking and jumping ability. Brooke has been named to the All-League first team as a freshman and a sophomore.

"Brooke is a smart player that sees the floor well and puts the ball where the hole is. Brooke plays club volleyball during the winter and spring, which makes a big difference, and she also runs cross country. Her motivation and dedication make her a stand out athlete," said coach Baird.

The Lady Huskies are a young team and with their success this season, coach Baird is optimistic about the future.

"I am so proud of these girls. They were our leaders that kept



The Northern Valley Lady Huskies volleyball team finished the season with an impressive 27-9 record. Three of the Huskies were recognized for their play this season by receiving WKLL All-League honors. They are (from left to right) junior Kortney Cunningham, senior Brooke Hammond and sophomore Brooke Baird.

-Photo courtesy of Amy McKinney

our team positive and motivated. We are losing only one senior, Brooke Hammond, next year," said Baird. "That is a big

hole to fill, but I am excited and looking forward to see what the Lady Huskies can accomplish in 2014."

The Western Kansas Liberty League coaches met on Nov. 25, 2013 to select their 2013 All-League Volleyball team. The following are the results of that meeting:

2013 Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Volleyball team

(Students listed alphabetically)

Brooke Baird, sophomore - Northern Valley
Jordan Christensen, senior - Golden Plains
Kortney Cunningham, junior - Northern Valley

Hannah Gillespie, senior - Wheatland-Grinnell
Michaela Girard, senior - Logan
Kelsey Hale, senior - Weskan

Brooke Hammond, senior - Northern Valley
Shayla Hubbard, senior - Cheylin
Kylie Jones, senior - Golden Plains

Kiley Marcotte, senior - Palco
Brittany Plummer, senior - Triplains/Brewster
Paige Ramey, senior - Wheatland-Grinnell

Tristan Rathgeber, senior - Wheatland-Grinnell

Shayna Rogge, junior - Triplains/Brewster

Robyn See, junior - Weskan
Hailee Spresser, senior - Golden Plains

Kodi VanLaeys, junior - Logan

Maddy Withington, junior - Western Plains

2013 Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Honorable Mention

Shaelynn Compton, junior - Weskan

Allie Frisbie, junior - Cheylin

Christen Greving, sophomore - Logan

Ruth Hair, senior - Western Plains

Tenille Tholen, junior - Wheatland-Grinnell



Three Lady Trojans chosen to All-League Volleyball Team

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The Logan Lady Trojans volleyball season culminated with a huge three set win over the Northern Valley Lady Huskies in the finals of the Sub-State Tournament. The Trojans finished the season with a 26-15 record, but they had to work hard for their victories.

Of the 41 matches the Trojans played 20 of them went to three sets and they won 12 times, and in the process gained valuable experience.

"On a simplistic level we played an extra 20 sets, but more importantly we were learning about being ready for tight

matches and playing to the end, regardless of the situation," said head coach Robin Van Laeys.

"Like the experience we gained in those 20 extra sets, we also gained experience and knowledge in the first 2 matches with Northern Valley. During Sub-State we had a game plan, understanding about how hard it is to beat anyone three times, and a lot of experience in tough situations. It was a very tight match between two very close teams," said Van Laeys.

The Lady Trojans hard work payed off as three of their starters, Michaela Girard, Kodi Van Laeys and Christen Greving, were recognized on the 2013

Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Volleyball Team

Senior Michaela Girard played setter in the Trojans 5-1 offense. Michaela is quick and athletic, and has a love for the game. She ends her high school career in style receiving All-League honors for the first time.

Junior Kodi Van Laeys was the Trojans outside hitter. She is a very heady player and provides leadership on the court. This is Kodi's second year on the All-League team.

Sophomore Christen Greving played outside hitter and some in the middle position for the Trojans this year. Her coach says she is a very versatile play-

er who is comfortable playing any position on the court. This is Christen's first year receiving All-League honors.

"These three girls are the ones that we have leaned on throughout the year. They each bring some very exciting talents to our team and like every girl on our team, we are very lucky to have them with us," said head coach Robin Van Laeys. "They all played multiple years of club volleyball, and because of this extra commitment they have shown, they have at least twice the volleyball experience of their teammates."



The Logan Lady Trojans volleyball team finished the season with a 26-15 record, and culminated as Sub-State Tournament champions. Three Trojans were recognized for their efforts by being named to the WKLL All-League Volleyball Team. They are (from left to right) senior Michaela Girard, junior Kodi Van Laeys and sophomore Christen Greving.

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Twelve Blue Jay gridders receive league honors

By DICK BOYD

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Twelve members of the Norton Community High School football team have received All-Mid-Continent League honors by vote of league coaches for the 2013 season.

Named to the first team offense were 6'180 pound senior running back Tanner Furbush, 6'1", 210 pound offensive tackle Breven Sondergaard; 6', 190 pound senior center Cole Renner; 5'9", 150 pound senior wide receiver Drew Schrum and 5'9", 150 pound senior kicker Austin Hager.

Hager was a second team kicker both his junior and sophomore seasons and Renner was also a second team choice his junior season.

Named to the first team defense from Norton were 5'9", 170 pound junior defensive tackle Stewart Whitney and 5'8", 150 pound senior linebacker Toby Nickell.

Whitney received honorable mention last season.

Norton players chosen to the second team offense were 5'11", 150 pound junior wide receiver Kobie Unterseher and Furbush as a kick returner.

Named to the second team defense from Norton were 6', 170 pound junior linebacker Mickey Hahn; 5'9", 160 pound senior defensive back Trever Lewis; 5'8", 160 pound junior linebacker Jared Tallent; 5'10", 160 pound sophomore defensive back Gavin Lively; Renner as a defensive tackle; Sondergaard as a defensive tackle and Hager as a defensive back. Renner received honorable mention on defense last season.

Receiving honorable mention on offense from Norton were Nickell as a running back; 6'1", 190 pound senior guard Kolton

Harting and 6', 230 pound freshman guard Jacob Green.

Chosen for honorable mention on defense from Norton were Green as a tackle, Furbush as a defensive end and Hager as a punter.

Chosen from other teams

Others on the first team offense with Furbush, Sondergaard, Renner, Schrum and Hager are: Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg senior quarterback; Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg senior running back; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg junior tackle; Seth Boswell, senior Phillipsburg guard; Trey Ellis, Phillipsburg senior wide receiver; Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg senior kick returner; Clint Rogers, Smith Center senior running back; Jordan Shockley, Smith Center senior guard; Taylor Zabel, Smith Center senior tight end.

Named to the first team defense with Whitney and Nickell were: Alex Wahrman, Plainville junior tackle; Andrew Makings, Phillipsburg senior tackle; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg junior end; Jordan Shockley, Smith Center senior end; Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg senior linebacker; Seth Boswell, Phillipsburg senior linebacker; Grant Lambert,

Smith Center senior linebacker; Kody Molzahn, Smith Center senior back; Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg senior back; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg senior back; Clint Rogers, Smith Center senior back; Hadley Gillum, Plainville senior punter.

On the second team offense with Unterseher and Furbush were: Hadley Gillum, Plainville senior quarterback; Grant Lambert, Smith Center senior back; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg senior back; Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg senior back; Nick Johnson, Smith Center senior tackle; John Arnold, Plainville senior tackle; Austin Wahrman, Plainville senior guard; Zach Carder, Smith Center senior guard; Wyatt Oliver, Smith Center senior center; Ian Chestnut, Phillipsburg junior tight end; Kody Zabel, Smith Center junior kicker.

Named to the second team defense with Renner, Sondergaard, Hahn, Tallent, Hager, Lewis and Lively were: Donovan Lumpkin, Phillipsburg sophomore tackle; Hadley Gillum, Plainville senior end; Cole Lorenzen, Smith Center senior end; Wyatt Oliver, Smith Center senior linebacker; Keaton Orr, Phillipsburg senior linebacker; Dylan Wiesner, Plain-

ville senior linebacker; Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg senior back and Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg senior punter.

Receiving honorable mention offense along with Nickell, Harting and Green were Kody Molzahn, Smith Center senior quarterback; Nick Lehmkuhl, Smith Center junior back; Hayden Friend, Plainville freshman back; Robert Stine, Smith Center senior tackle; Brandon Groff, Ellis junior guard; Kian Stegmaier, Phillipsburg sophomore center; Cole Lorenzen, Smith Center senior end; Stuart Lennemann, Phillipsburg junior kick returner; Kody Molzahn, Smith Center senior kick returner.

Named honorable mention on defense with Green, Furbush and Hager were Zach Carder, Smith Center senior tackle; Nick Johnson, Smith Center senior tackle; Tanner Crist, Phillipsburg senior end; Nick Lehmkuhl, Smith Center junior linebacker; Hayden Friend, Plainville freshman back; Trevor Desaire, Plainville senior back; Stuart Lennemann, Phillipsburg junior back; L.T. Meitler, Smith Center junior back; Kody Zabel, Smith Center junior punter.

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